

GALA DAY AT POPULAR RESORT

Yesterday's Sports at Shawnigan Lake Attracted Large Crowds

RESULTS OF THE EVENTS

Interesting Races Between J. B. A. Crews on Inland Course

(From Sunday's Daily)

It was a gala day at Shawnigan Lake yesterday. On the occasion was the third annual regatta arranged by residents of that popular resort with the co-operation of the rowing committee of the James Bay Athletic Association. The regatta, which started at 10 o'clock, was crowded with pleasure seekers while the regulars of both forenoon and afternoon carried hundreds bound for the lake.

Animated Scene

The scene from Koenig's hotel was beautiful. The grounds, which were covered with holiday folk, gay and animated in spirit; the water was dotted with yachts, decorated launches and smaller craft—row boats and canoes—no less prettily adorned; and, in the distance, the highest peaks of the mountains were being liberally used with artistic effect.

Three Classes

The races, which were managed through in a very judicious manner, might be divided into three classes—those under the auspices of the J.B.A.A., those arranged by the regatta committee, and the general committee, and the field competitions also managed by the Shawnigan Lake regatta committee.

Salient Sailors

For some years now, the regatta has been developing among the lake's fishermen, and the regatta committee, which several months ago and so eager was one aspirant to prove his claims to the premier place in the regatta work and constructed a daintily modelled craft, especially for the event.

Log Tying

Of the miscellaneous aquatic contests, that which probably attracted most attention was that of log tying. There were three or four entries, and of them Messrs. McFarlane and Burton were the only ones who were successful. The contest was a simple one, and consisted of a log being thrown into the water, and with a pull on a rope, the log was to be drawn up and fastened to a post.

Other Contests

Meanwhile several competitions were being held on shore. For instance, a greasy pig had been let loose, with a contingent of energetic youths after it. They grabbed and grabbed again, but always the squealing porker slipped from the grasp. At least that is what happened until Willie, the original pig-catcher, got busy. He jumped and landed on his quarry, and amid much excitement, led him away before the envious eyes of the on-lookers.

The Final

When the final was reached there were Monteth's and Lawson's crews in the running. The latter was composed principally of young and comparatively inexperienced oarsmen, and so the sympathy was with them. But they proved unable to meet the fast and consistent pace set by Monteth and his stalwarts, and so the honors of the day, as far as J.B.A.A. events are concerned, fell to the last mentioned.

"Man Overboard"

An incident occurred which, while it might have been serious, fortunately did not result in anything serious. A whole lot of people were watching the regatta, and while turning a canoe two men were capsized, one was able to swim and the other was not. The latter shouted for help and T. Lindy head waiter at the Empress hotel, throwing off his coat, jumped to the rescue. Swimming to the struggling man he succeeded in pulling him ashore. It was a hard fight for a few minutes, but both, finally, were dragged to the landing.

Presented Prizes

Immediately after dinner prizes were presented by Mrs. (Justice) Hunter, each successful competitor being given his award with a few gracious words of congratulation.

Those in Charge

Those in charge are deserving of praise for the very able way in which they solved the problem of carrying through such a lengthy and varied list of events. Those on the committee follow: L. Garnet, C. Copley, E. Armstrong, F. Bartlett, E. Elford, E. Elford, P. Austin, T. Gaiser, F. Cudlip, W. H. Cullin, Alex. Peden, R. D. Finlayson and Thos. G. Dundas.

Farmer's race, single dingy, half mile. Entries, T. P. Barry, G. Prayne, H. Elford—1st, T. Barry; 2nd, H. Elford.

Farmer's race, double dingy, half mile. Entries, P. B. Hall and N. P. Jessop, coxswain Mrs. Hall; T. P. Barry and R. Elford, coxswain, Miss Garnett, G. A. Chuke and W. P. Scott, coxswain, Mrs. Chuke—1st, T. P. Barry and R. Elford; 2nd, G. A. Chuke and W. P. Scott.

Shawnigan Derby on barrels, 100 yards. Entries, N. A. Jessop, P. B. Hall, W. P. Scott, W. Brenton, C. G. White, C. G. White, F. H. Humber and C. Carroll—1st, C. G. White; 2nd, S. Koenig.

Log-of-war, district teams, represented as follows: Shawnigan Lake—S. Koenig, R. Elford, O. Geary, M. Sutherland, R. Martin, D. Dundas, C. Christianson, Cobble Hill—E. Barry, A. Graham, P. Case, G. Prayne, B. Douglas, C. Copley, G. Taggart and W. Mearns. Winners: Cobble Hill.

Swimming race, 200 yards. Entries, H. Brown, C. G. White, A. E. Morris, and S. H. Kuhn—1st, H. Brown; 2nd, S. H. Kuhn.

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Ladies' double scull, half mile. Entries, Miss Goodwin and Miss Miller, Miss Robinson and Miss Carter, Miss Morrison and Miss Goodman, Mrs. James Burdies and Mrs. W. Mearns—1st, Miss Goodwin and Miss Miller; 2nd, Miss Robinson and Miss Carter.

Greasy pig. Entries, Messrs. Barry, Elford, Burton, and others. Winner, Mr. Burton.

Log tying. Entries, Messrs. McFarlane and Burton. Winner, Mr. Burton.

Lady and gentlemen's double scull, half mile. Entries, Mrs. Gaiser and Mrs. Burdies, D. McGary and Mrs. Burdies, Mrs. Carter and Miss Robinson, second, D. McGary and Mrs. Burdies.

J. B. A. A. Results

First heat—F. Baylis, stroke; G. Jamieson, 2; J. E. Jamieson, 3; H. E. Willie, bow. vs. W. W. Laine, stroke; W. Fyfe, 2; W. H. P. Sweeney, 3; T. W. R. Scott, 4.

Second heat—R. Monteth, stroke; P. Willie, 3; S. Shanks, 4; E. Todd, bow.

Third heat—P. Lawson, stroke; B. Scott, 3; S. Behnson, 4; C. Thomas, bow.

Fourth heat—Monteth's crew beat Lawson's crew.

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Bishops on Liquor Question. London, Aug. 8.—The Church of England Temperance society has asked an opinion on the drink question from some colonial bishops attending the fifth annual congress. The Australian bishops think the licensing system defective and that there is much to be learned from the Commonwealth. An admirable comparison made with the Dominion. Canadian bishops point out that the drink bill is only a quarter, when the drink bill per head in Canada is as large as in Great Britain.

SEEK TO BUY JAPANESE WHALER

New Whaling Company in the Market for a Steamer—The Industry in the East

The Prince Rupert whaling company, recently incorporated here which will probably establish its station at Dundas Island next summer, has been endeavoring to purchase a whaling steamer in Japan for use from the northern station. Efforts to secure a vessel in the Orient have been unavailing and enquiries are now being made at St. John, Newfoundland and at Norwegian ports when at Prince Rupert whaling company starts service, and the local company which is to establish a station on Queen Charlotte Islands is engaged, there will be a big business for the Bine and French routes.

Freighters from this port. The Prince Rupert Whaling Company has been making regular shipments of from 1,500 to 2,500 barrels of oil from its stations at Kyuquot and Sechart stations on each outward-bound steamer for Glasgow and to further the trade with the Kingdom has sent an agent to reside at the Scotch port. With two other whaling companies there are engaged in the north, shipping oil by the C.P.R. and other steamers in the northern coast trade to this port the round-the-world freighters.

In his last report W. R. Preston, Canadian trade commissioner at Yokohama, refers to the Japanese industry in the coast whaling business as follows: The search for whales in the Pacific waters is carried on with a considerable degree of activity by Japanese fishing companies. There are about 20 whaling steamers employed in these operations, with crews aggregating 400 or 500 marines. The total number of whales captured in Japanese waters last year, amounted to 200 as against 268 in 1906. In addition to this catch, the Japanese are taking about 400 in the waters immediately contiguous to Korea. The whaling industry is declared to be carried on with persistent activity throughout the whole year. The whaling industry has in Japan, as most altogether since the Russian-Japanese war.

The headquarters of the fleet changes from time to time, and in the movement of the whales, incident to the changes in the season. In summer, operations are carried on in the neighborhood of Choshi and Kinkowan, and in the winter, from October to April, in Tosa, Kishin and Korean waters. According to reports, the whaling industry at present is extraordinary profitable. One of the whaling companies declared a dividend last year of more than one-half the entire capital stock of the company. The whaling industry was employed in the whaling industry were imported from Norway in Japan, and the industry is no longer carried on as it was a few years ago, but by launching small boats for the purpose of pursuing the whales and catching them in implements used by hand. The whaling boats now are well equipped fast steamers in the Pacific which is a harbor gun, which becomes as unerring in its flight at the object aimed at as a naval gun. This renders the calling of whalers far less dangerous to human life than under the old system, and at the same time it is much more profitable to those engaged in the business.

Whale Meat as Food

The meat of the whale that can be used for eating purposes is very limited. There are two kinds, "Barona" and "Kokoro," which are small whales, are the only ones used for whale meat is put on the market in cans or tins, by several of the whaling companies. It costs about 1.50 (32.50 currency) per case, containing four dozen 1 pound cans for tins, and is mostly used by the natives in remote and mountainous places in Japan. It is always in demand for food for the natives in those places which is cheap.

I have been prompted to make these inquiries in consequence of an application made by British Columbia to the possibility of buying Japanese whaling steamers. A rumour having reached British Columbia that the industry here is in an unprofitable condition. My inquiries resulted in the following facts for the foregoing, in finding that no Japanese whaling boats or ships are for sale.

METCHOSIN ELECTORS HEAR THE PREMIER

Discusses Conditions at Well Attended Meeting—Much Enthusiasm

(From Friday's Daily)

The ladies and gentlemen of Metchochin turned out in force last evening to hear the Hon. Richard McBride discuss the issues of the present day. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. J. Foster, George Clark, H. D. Heimcken, (Dr.) Watt, Adam Weir, William J. Macdonald, J. M. Fisher, S. C. Ross, Weir, Rock, Peatt, Grant and Holmes; Messrs. David Henry, vice-president, Arthur Peatt, James Arden, Charles Ball, George Clark, Thomas Older Shaw, James Foster, H. Elgesen, J. D. Reid, G. G. Blair, George Cook, B. C. Thwaites, A. G. Clark, W. J. Macdonald, J. M. Fisher, S. C. Ross, William Fisher, William Fisher, Henry Weir and Samuel Braker.

The Hon. Richard McBride, who had a most cordial reception, having referred to his visit to this district two years ago, regretted that the constituency had not the advantage of being still represented by his friend Mr. Pooley, said that if the attendance at the meeting, he considered the local strength of the Conservative party, was clear that they had nothing to fear, and to the result upon election day (Applause).

During the past few months he had been travelling in various parts of the province; in Kootenay, in Nicola, in the Okanagan, in the Okanagan sections of the great interior, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be able to tell them that on his return he had secured the most substantial and satisfactory evidence of growth and of progress. (Applause.) The whaling industry was being developed, and everywhere it had become apparent that British Columbia was being developed in a most substantial and satisfactory manner. (Applause.) And precisely the same condition of affairs was equally visible upon Vancouver Island generally; and particularly in the Okanagan. New settlers were coming in, new interests were being awakened, and the whaling industry was being developed in a most substantial and satisfactory manner. (Applause.)

The Government's Record

It might at this point well be asked, what part had the local government, whose work was being reviewed, in advancing and bringing about this great and good work? The Liberals would have people believe that the policy of the local government, which was as long as it was honest and fair. For under our system of government, it is not only important to have a strong and efficient administration, but also to have a strong and capable administration. (Applause.) He did not believe in the administration of the Conservatives so much as to the Liberals and independent electors, who were in attendance; for after all, it was not the Liberals who had secured the Liberal vote which in Canada made those among the electors who were not profess a hide-bound allegiance to any distinctly party-organization. (Applause.) He had no doubt that the Liberal government at Ottawa in 1896; and at the same time he was eminently satisfied with the record of his government in British Columbia. (Applause.) He was not only satisfied with the record of his government in British Columbia, but also with the record of his government in British Columbia. (Applause.)

Free Blasting Powder

Again, one of the great obstacles to agricultural development, both upon the island and upon the mainland, lay in the cost of clearing the land of its timber, and while he was not prepared to say of hand that as the result of their investigations and researches, they were able to offer as yet a complete remedy in order to alleviate the difficulty, they were not without hope. (Applause.) It was prepared to say that the people had now in office a government which, consistently with the resources of the country, would do its level best to see that the legitimate and pressing claims and demands of the people were met. (Applause.)

Increased Five Hundred Per Cent

Essly, the extent of land which was cleared in the past five years, was increased five hundred per cent, and indeed fruit growing appeared now to be taking the most prominent place in the beautiful and fertile Okanagan valley in the promising Kootenays, in the rich Fraser River valley, and upon Vancouver Island generally. (Applause.) Surely the government since its accession to office in 1903, had spared no effort in their endeavors to bring in the most striking and emphatic manner before the people of Canada, of the United States and of the old country the extraordinary advantages of British Columbia in this particular, and to show them what wonderful attractions it possessed for the fruit grower in that great and important field of human and agricultural industry. (Applause.)

Explosion of Ether in Henderson Bros. Premises, Yates Street, Starts Blaze

An explosion of a quantity of ether stored in the rear of the premises of Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, started a fire last night about 11.30 o'clock which for one time gave every appearance of developing into a serious conflagration. The blaze started right in the midst of a large quantity of chemicals and oils, highly inflammable, but before the fire was communicated to these it was subdued by the firemen and the loss was comparatively small amounting to not more than a few hundred dollars. The scene of the fire was a building which covered the low portion of the building at the rear. Soon they burst out through the glass but by that time a stream from the hydrant had been brought to bear and the fire was quickly put down, while another stream through the front of the premises effectually quelled the fire. The blaze started in the rear of the premises, and the fire was communicated to the flames already well supplied with chemicals.

The fire was confined to the low portion of the building in which were stored quantities of oils, glycerine, ether, and other highly combustible materials. The other portion of the building had a hard task withstanding the pungent fumes of the blazing chemicals. The fire was extinguished by the firemen, and the loss was comparatively small amounting to not more than a few hundred dollars.

Attempted Train Wrecking

Battle, Mont. Aug. 8.—An attempt was made Wednesday night to wreck the North Coast Limited train on the Northern Pacific near Blue Bird. A few hundred yards west of the spot at which the Burlington passenger train was derailed last spring and three persons killed. Only the accident discovery of two huge boulders which were wedged between the rails, preventing a catastrophe. There is no clue to the perpetrators. The report did not become public until today.

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LAMBETH ENCYCLOPEDIA

Results of Recent Conference Embodied in Letter Sent Out From Archbishop's Palace. London, Aug. 8.—An encyclical embodying the results of the Lambeth conference was issued from Lambeth Palace last night. From it, it is learned that the discussion of the two hundred and forty-three bishops composing the conference were based on the reports of committees appointed to consider the various subjects, and that they were secret. The congress lasted from July 27 to August 5. Except in a few instances no intimation is given as to whether the resolutions adopted by the conference were on subjects of wide difference of opinion or not.

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The results of this policy had been most satisfactory, while in many instances the cost of the school had also been reduced. (Applause.) Every settler felt that the investment he made in improving the educational equipment of the public schools was the very best investment that he could possibly make, for if he had not done so, his children would have been the poorer for it. (Applause.)

Then they had taken up, and in a very thorough and business-like way, the establishment in this province of a full-equipped university for the equal of any other like institution in the world, and aided by the best possible expert advice that could be procured, he had no doubt whatever of their early and ultimate success in bringing into existence this much needed addition to their educational facilities. (Applause.)

Having dwelt at some length upon the railway policy of the administration which had ended the wasteful system of bonusing provincial enterprises, and referring particularly to their treatment of the G.P.F. problems, he closed with a brief consideration of the question of better terms, which he reminded his audience, and the people of British Columbia, was still being obliged to pay five times as much as those who had secured their lands in earlier days, and in readjusting the system of assessment, every object had been to give simple fair play to everybody all round and to secure the highest possible return on the land and square share of the taxation. (Applause.)

This policy had been at the outset exceedingly unpopular in certain quarters, but he was persuaded that they had largely succeeded in accomplishing the right course of action from the very outset, they had had in view. (Applause.) They had begun the work of reducing the burden of taxation upon the settler and farmer, and they confidently hoped to be able to do a great deal more in this particular field. (Applause.) Surely the government since its accession to office in 1903, had spared no effort in their endeavors to bring in the most striking and emphatic manner before the people of Canada, of the United States and of the old country the extraordinary advantages of British Columbia in this particular, and to show them what wonderful attractions it possessed for the fruit grower in that great and important field of human and agricultural industry. (Applause.)

Vote of Thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. James Arden, and seconded by Mr. Samuel Brakes, having been carried amid general and the most hearty applause. Mr. Heimcken observed that certain local matters might well call the attention of the government, which might be brought under the consideration of the district the most satisfactory results must follow when election day comes round. (Applause.) He then proposed three cheers for the premier and the ladies who were present, as well. The response was most vigorous, and in his brief reply Hon. Mr. McBride stated that any local matters which might be brought under the consideration of the administration would receive the earliest possible attention.

The singing of the national anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" cut the flag down. The police arrived and rescued the flag, which is the property of United States Consul Dunsell.

London Flag Incident. London, Ont. Aug. 7.—During the past week the proprietor of a large billiard parlor on Dundas street has had an immense American flag hung in front of his establishment. At an early hour yesterday a party of young men climbed up a telegraph pole and cut the flag down. The police arrived and rescued the flag, which is the property of United States Consul Dunsell.